

PROBE OF MOTHER'S MURDER BUNGLED, TRUTH HIDDEN, WRITES CHARLOTTE

Let Slayers Pay Full Penalty, She Asks of Justice

Bullets from a murderer's gun robbed Charlotte Mills of her dear mother, Mrs. Eleanor Mills, who was slain with the Rev. Edward Hall on the deserted Phillips farm near New Brunswick, N. J. The law of the land demands a life for a life, yet four years have elapsed since the Hall-Mills murder, and no one has paid penalty for the crime. The reopening of the investigation, perhaps, will bear some fruit, but for four years justice has been truly blind. Now, Charlotte Mills gives her opinion of the conduct of the investigation.



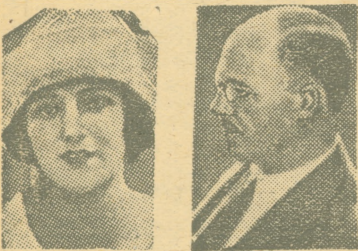
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WHO IS GUILTY?

The questions I am asked oftener than any others are, am I satisfied with the way the case has been handled, both four years ago and now, and who do I think committed the murders of my mother and Mr. Hall?

I was not satisfied until now with the way the case has been investigated. Nobody could expect me to be, if they knew the carelessness that clouded the entire thing from the minute the bodies were found until the investigation was reopened recently.

As all the world knows, they were not even examined enough to bring out the frightful fact that my mother's throat was cut, al-



Mrs. Mills Henry Carpenter

though an eye-witness told me afterwards that when mother's body was lifted, the head fell backward and had to be held in place. It was attached only by the vertebrae in the neck. This was only admitted after the bodies had been examined a month later.

All Confusion

How would any girl in my place feel? Knowing what I know, and listening at all those hearings four years ago, to all those confusions and confusions, how does any one expect me to have been satisfied with the handling of the case then?

Rules and laws and usual ways of doing things seemed to me to have been totally ignored. Valuable articles that were part of the evidence were "lost" and some of them found again under mysterious circumstances, while some have never been found. What was I to think? What would anybody have thought? What did the whole country think? And they ask me if I was satisfied!

However, everything is different

Charlotte Mills Goes to Court



AN INTERESTED SPECTATOR at the court probe into her mother's death, Miss Mills is present at every session. She is shown above mounting Somerset Courthouse steps with Police Captain Walsh. (Photo Graphic.)

since the re-opening of the case a few weeks ago. I am thoroughly satisfied with the work of Senator Alexander Simpson, Detective Capt. Harry Walsh, and others who are doing their best to bring the guilty ones to punishment.

Would Hang Slayers

I do not feel bitter toward the slayer or slayers. Their crime is on their own soul. I believe in capital punishment, most emphatically, and I would like to see the guilty ones take what the law says they should.

The law, I have learned, is a very strange thing. If a person is guilty, it seems to me much easier to have a lawyer protect him and get him free than for an innocent person to be proved innocent. I can't see why they let people suspected of crime have private lawyers that they pay immense sums to.

If people are charged with a crime, I think they ought to have public lawyers who are paid by the state, to defend them, just as they assign a lawyer to a poor person, and just as they assign a district attorney to convict an indicted person.

Lost All Respect

Anybody that listened to the first proceedings in this Hall-Mills murder case would have lost every bit of feeling they may have had about the dignity of the law and the existence of equal justice for all. But now, through the untiring activities of Senator Simpson, I have regained respect for the law and its officers.

Senator Simpson is a wonderful man and I almost begin to have a glimmer of hope that he will bring out some of the truth. Mrs. Jane Gibson, the "pig woman," as the newspapers call her, is one of those you can't help but admire because they have personality.

She certainly has nothing to gain or lose by telling the truth about

what she saw that awful night of September 14—no ax at all to grind. Mrs. Gibson is what you call "a character." She does what she wants to do in the way she wants to do it; she has the courage of her convictions and no fear of anybody.

Has Great Courage

She may be eccentric, but she is certainly sensible and courageous. She is a good deal of a mystery—says she doesn't know where she was born, only that it was some place in the United States; but that has nothing to do with her honesty. She may not have an education, but she certainly is intelligent and level-headed.

She is a hard worker, minds her own business, looks after her farm, her house, her husband and kid (she has a grown son and a baby), and has a straightforward way with her that just "gets her across." I can't find any other words for it.

You can't help liking her. Mrs. Jane Gibson is about the best illustration of what personality is and what it can do that I ever saw.

Motherly Samaritan

Even though I didn't know her before she testified at the first hearing, four years ago, and still don't know her except from seeing her in connection with this case, there have been many times when I thought of her more as a motherly samaritan.

Mrs. Gibson, under oath, positively identified Mr. Carpenter and Willie Stevens as people she saw out there near De Russey's Lane that terrible night—saw the flashlight on their faces. She never had met them and didn't know who they were, she said, at the time she made the identification. She also says she heard a woman cry, "Oh, Henry!"

I am only Charlotte Mills, daughter of one of the murder victims,

the mother who stood for all that was dear and happy in my life, and for all that the future held. I am not a lawyer, of course, and my opinions count for nothing. I am interested only in seeing justice done.

Tomorrow Charlotte Mills explains the mystery of her mother's love letters. In Tomorrow's GRAPHIC.

King and Premier Clash In Spain

HENDAYE, FRANCO-SPANISH FRONTIER, Sept. 20 (By U. P.).—Premier Primo de Rivera will match his strength against King Alfonso at San Sebastian today. This move is expected to result either in resignation of the dictator or eventual abdication of the king. Indications favor the ousting of Rivera, who for three years has dictated the government of Spain without a parliament, will submit two projects which are expected to meet flat refusal. One bill would establish a parliament along lines designed by the premier, the other would provide for reorganization of the army.

FLORISTS LEAVE

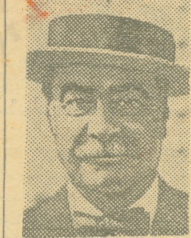
About 200 florists from New York and vicinity have left on a special train to Chicago for the annual convention of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association.

Republicans Back Butler to Lead State Ticket

Republican leaders are striving to bring all influence to bear to induce Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, to accept the Republican nomination for governor. The name of Representative Ogden L. Mills also has been mentioned, but it is believed that the leaders will use their entire strength to induce Dr. Butler to run against Gov. Smith. Should Dr. Butler refuse to run, it is understood that Representative Mills will be drafted into the contest.

Many Republican leaders in this city profess to believe that Dr. Butler is in better position than any other candidate who has been mentioned for nomination to give Gov. Smith a hard fight.

As between Representative Mills and Dr. Butler, friends of Senator Wadsworth feel that he would favor the latter, who shares his own views on prohibition, even to the extent of frankly advocating repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

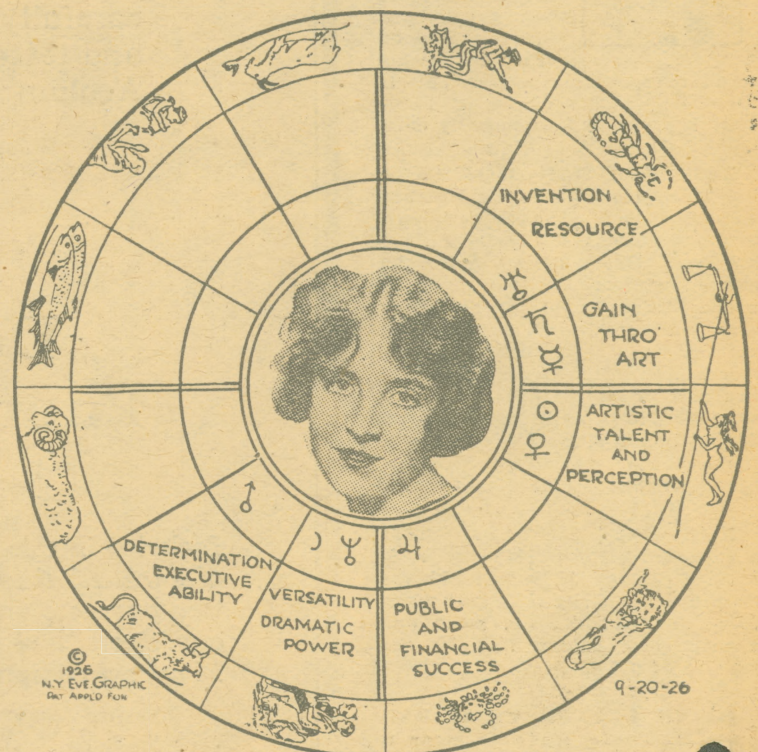


Dr. N. M. Butler

Your Birthday

by STELLA

SEPTEMBER 20



PATRICIA COLLINGE

Patricia Collinge, well-known actress, was born on September 20, when both Jupiter and Saturn—the two rulers of worldly success—were exalted in the signs in which they have the greatest power. Mercury and Venus were in sympathy with each other, which is always a sign of artistic talent, and the Sun, Moon and Mercury were in trine aspect, showing that Miss Collinge was destined to attain success through her versatility, perception and artistic gifts.

Since Virgo is the sign of Service, the September born make the most trustworthy agents, servants and employees. To such people there is a great satisfaction in the faithful attention to duty and in doing well whatever work falls to them, thus satisfying their own inner self

and the person for whom they are working. And, because the individual who has learned to serve makes a good master, when these people are placed in a position of responsibility they retain the respect and affection of those working under their direction. The Virgo man or woman usually has a good memory and an aptitude for detail, but when given overmuch work or responsibility there is a tendency to worry unduly and this at once reacts upon the health, causing digestive trouble and increasing the nervousness of the mercurial Virgo temperament.

Those who celebrate their birthday today may expect a fortunate year, during which many matters now pending will reach a satisfactory conclusion.